

Candidate for Vice President for Finance

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BIOGRAPHY

Academic Background:

Ph.D., Stanford University, 1970, Cognitive Psychology.

Professional Experience:

Donald Bren Professor of Information and Computer Sciences, University of California, Irvine, CA, 2008 – Present;

Paul M Fitts Professor of Human Computer Interaction, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, 1975 – 2008;

Assistant Professor of Psychology, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI, 1973 – 1975.

Professional Interest:

Computer Supported Cooperative Work; Virtual Teams; Science Collaboratories; Computer-Mediated Communication; Human Computer Interaction.

ACM Activities:

Conference Chair of CHI 2006, SIGCHI, 2004 – 2006;

Conference Co-Chair, CSCW 2004, SIGCHI, 2002 – 2004;

Conference Management Committee, SIGCHI, 2004 – 2007;

Conference Co-Chair, DIS 95 and DIS 97, SIGCHI, 1993 – 1997.

Membership and Offices in Related Organizations:

Associate Dean, University of Michigan, 1994 – 2006;

Interim Dean, University of Michigan, 1998 – 1999.

Awards Received:

ACM: ACM Fellow, 2007; CHI Lifetime Achievement Award, 2006; CHI Academy, 2003.

Other: NIH Research Career Development Award, 1976; Danforth Graduate Fellow, 1967; Woodrow Wilson Fellow, 1967.

STATEMENT

SIGCHI is the most important professional organization for those of us in the field of human-computer interaction. I have been very active in SIGCHI over the years, having chaired or co-chaired four SIGCHI conferences (DIS95, DIS97, CSCW 2004, CHI 2006) and held many other positions in SIGCHI conferences. I served on the Conference Management Committee in the years before and after chairing CHI 2006. I am thus very

familiar with the operation of SIGCHI's conferences, which is one of the most important activities of the SIG.

The position of Vice President for Finances is critical for the health of the SIG. I am sensitive to the importance of sound financial management for not only the SIGCHI conferences but also the many other activities of the SIG. I have had experience with the management of finances, not just in my role as conference chair, but in my positions of Associate Dean and Interim Dean at the University of Michigan. I am committed to having a deep understanding of the finances of the SIG, and overseeing its financial resources with diligence and care. This is especially important in the coming difficult economic times.